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1. Professor Splittgerber (fau) from Berlin-Steglitz (N 53/Z 74) declared in a meeting, held in early January 1952 in the Bergmann-Borsig Plant in Berlin-Wilhelmsruh (N 53/Z 63), that the Soviet Zone deposits of good quality brown coal will be exhausted in three to five years to such an extent that the salt coal (Salzkohle) deposits will have to be mined. The Bergmann-Borsig Plant is, therefore, engaged in developing a type of boiler which can be economically operated by salt-coal firing. ¹⁰

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* Comment. According to the Fuel Industry Office (Kraftstoffwirtschaftsbüro), headed by Professor Draw (fm), at the Technical College in Berlin (H 53/Z 75) salt coal is a type of brown coal which yields a great amount of very viscous soot during combustion. The coal contains a certain percentage of potash salts. The heating effect is considerably reduced because of the thick layers of soot which develop on the heating surfaces. It is not believed probable that the Soviet Zone resources of good quality brown coal will be exhausted within the short period of three to five years.

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